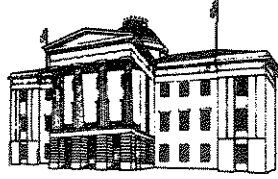


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131 PROCLAMATION OF STATE DISASTER FOR THE TOWN OF TRYON

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-4(1), exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically in the Town of Tryon, Polk County, as a result of damage caused by a severe windstorm on April 15-16, 2007.

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2007, the Town of Tryon proclaimed a local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-6, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met including the following: (1) receipt of the preliminary damage assessment from the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; (2) the Town of Tryon, Polk County, declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-8 and forwarded a written copy of the declaration to the Governor; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123 or meets or exceeds the State infrastructure criteria set out in N.C.G.S. § 166A-6.01(b)(2)a; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-6, a State of Disaster is hereby declared for the Town of Tryon.

Section 2. All state and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, is hereby delegated all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the above-referenced town.